Charitable Gaming in Alberta

2000-2001 in Review

Alberta
GAMING AND LIQUOR
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MANDATE

In accordance with the *Gaming and Liquor Act*, the *Criminal Code (Canada)* and within the policy framework established by the provincial government, the mandate of the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission is to:

- license, regulate and monitor gaming and liquor activities in Alberta;
- define operating policies and procedures for gaming and liquor activities;
- ensure integrity in the operation of gaming and liquor activities;
- collect gaming and liquor revenue;
- ensure business and program operations are run efficiently and effectively;
- disburse provincial lottery revenues;
- support industry and government initiatives to address problem gambling and responsible alcohol consumption; and
- communicate to gaming and liquor stakeholders accurate and timely information.

The Commission administers the Alberta Lottery Fund under the provisions of the *Gaming and Liquor Act*.

CHARITABLE GAMING MODEL

Overview

Alberta has adopted the charitable model for casinos, bingos, pull-tickets and raffles. These gaming activities may only occur when eligible charitable or religious groups apply for and receive licences to conduct the gaming activities.

The Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC) endeavours to ensure, through the setting of appropriate policies, procedures and terms and conditions for these various gaming activities, that the financial return to charitable and religious groups is maximized for the benefit of the charitable organizations, the programs and activities they deliver and the communities in which these activities are undertaken. The AGLC seeks to ensure, as a part of its mandate, that the integrity of gaming is maintained through ongoing reviews of these gaming activities, the licensing process, and enforcement of policies, procedures and terms and conditions.

Eligibility Requirements

A charitable or religious group is eligible for a licence to conduct gaming activities if the group:

- actively delivers a program or service which provides a benefit to a significant segment of the community. The program or service must be reasonably available to all members of the general public who qualify and wish to participate in that program or use that service.

- uses revenue from its gaming activities for a charitable or religious objective or purpose.

Structure

To be eligible for licensing the applicant groups must:

- have a broad based volunteer membership;
- have an executive democratically chosen from its volunteer base;
- not pay its members, directors or officers;
- have programs which benefit a large segment of the community, not the individual members' self interest;
- be a not-for-profit organization;
- have volunteers who are responsible for establishing, maintaining control of, and delivering the group's programs; and
- be incorporated (if a licence fee is required).

Community Benefit

Alberta's Charitable Gaming Model requires that proceeds from gaming activities provide a benefit to the community. The following are some **examples** for which charitable gaming activities benefit the community at large.

CATEGORY	BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY
Relief of the aged or disadvantaged	• relief to the poor • programs for the elderly to remain active in society • social services and educational programs for emotionally/physically distressed
Advancing education and learning	• student scholarships • aid to schools • aid to libraries • aid to museums • aid to the arts • aid to the preservation of cultural heritage
Help to community	• improvements to quality of health • support medical research • aid medical treatment programs • supply a facility for community use • support competitive amateur athletics • contribute places for worship and other religious programs

Eligible Groups

The types of groups who are eligible to obtain licences to conduct charitable gaming activities can be categorized as follows:

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Agriculture	Organizations registered under the Alberta Societies Act or Agricultural Societies Act as an agricultural fair or exhibition board.
Arts	Performing visual and literary arts groups which focus on art galleries, dance, general and instrumental music, choral, opera, theatre, historical and multicultural organizations, museums and archives. This also includes marching, school and youth bands, and related groups such as parent associations and booster clubs.
Community	Groups whose activities are of a general nature that support a variety of programs in the community (for example, community associations, community leagues).
Education	Organizations including playschools, kindergarten, preschools, private schools, parent organizations in support of educational programs, colleges, technical institutions and universities.
Medicine-Health	Organizations assisting those afflicted with a specific physical or mental disorder; organizations supporting basic medical research; and, auxiliaries or support groups to health care facilities and people who are physically disabled.
Multiculturalism	Organizations which identify themselves with a country of specific ethnic origin and whose activities are of a general nature that support a wide variety of programs in the community.
Recreation	The organizations' activities are not of a competitive nature. They may include support for recreational facilities, parks and recreation organizations, among others.
Religion	Churches, parishes, temples, synagogues and auxiliary groups which support the religious activity and focus to further religious principles and objectives.
Senior Citizens	Organizations where the majority of membership is 60 years of age or older. Includes resident "clubs" in senior citizen homes and groups providing recreational and social activities for senior citizens.
Service	Fraternal, service and veteran organizations which are established by a statute or international/national "charter".
Social Action	Organizations which focus on specific issues of social concern and promote these issues through social and educational programs.
Sports	Organizations which support competitive amateur individual and team sports.
Youth	Organizations providing a variety of programming for young people, and including auxiliary groups in support of these organizations.

ALL LICENSED GAMING

	Licences	Total Gross ($000)	Prizes/ Winnings ($000)	% of Gross	Expenses ($000)	% of Gross	CGTs (Slots) ($000)	Net Proceeds to Charity ($000)
Fiscal 2000/2001								
Bingos	2,428	282,271	181,583	64.3	50,469	17.9		50,219
Casinos	2,743	611,273	494,498	80.9	70,062	11.5	52,413	99,126
Pull-Tickets	611	40,931	30,658	74.9	1,921	4.7		8,352
Raffles(1)	295	77,909	34,467	44.2	18,003	23.1		25,439
	6,077	1,012,384	741,206	73.2	140,455	13.9	52,413	183,136
Fiscal 1999/2000								
Bingos	3,351	302,676	195,433	64.6	52,484	17.3		54,759
Casinos	2,695	594,127	493,056	83.0	61,890	10.4	37,440	76,621
Pull-Tickets	677	41,355	30,964	74.9	1,951	4.7		8,440
Raffles(1)	328	58,331	22,712	38.9	10,770	18.5		24,849
	7,051	996,489	742,165	74.5	127,095	12.8	37,440	164,669
Fiscal 1998/99								
Bingos	3,521	321,482	207,733	64.6	54,725	17.0		59,024
Casinos	2,534	549,654	460,496	83.8	54,981	10.0	24,258	58,435
Pull-Tickets	740	51,072	38,159	74.7	3,380	6.6		9,533
Raffles(1)	345	59,423	24,463	41.2	12,861	21.6		22,099
	7,140	981,631	730,851	74.5	125,947	12.8	24,258	149,091

FISCAL 2000/2001 BY MAJOR CENTRE

	Licences	Total Gross ($000)	Prizes/ Winnings ($000)	Expenses ($000)	CGTs (Slots) ($000)	Net Proceeds to Charity ($000)
Calgary	1,336	384,875	289,807	49,430	17,335	62,973
Edmonton	1,548	388,312	287,396	53,792	20,062	67,186
Fort McMurray	266	17,786	12,800	2,781	1,278	3,483
Grande Prairie	262	22,996	15,085	4,149	3,131	6,893
Lethbridge	269	29,031	20,880	4,590	2,266	5,827
Medicine Hat	218	19,416	13,813	3,160	2,175	4,618
Red Deer	413	30,863	21,253	5,726	3,039	6,923
St. Albert	302	26,470	18,662	4,444	3,127	6,491
Other Locations	1,463	92,635	61,510	12,383	0	18,742
	6,077	1,012,384	741,206	140,455	52,413	183,136

(1) Does not include raffles under $10,000.

BINGOS

		Licences	Events	Total Gross ($000)	Prizes/ Winnings ($000)	% of Gross	Expenses ($000)	% of Gross	Net Proceeds to Charity ($000)	% of Gross
Fiscal 2000/2001										
Calgary	- Regular	310	7,988	52,943	34,107	64.4	11,264	21.3	7,572	14.3
	- Satellite			8,473	4,237	50.0	805	9.5	3,431	40.5
Edmonton	- Regular	698	11,533	76,758	51,116	66.6	15,987	20.8	9,655	12.6
	- Satellite			12,560	6,280	50.0	1,193	9.5	5,087	40.5
All Other Locations	- Regular	1,420	20,907	110,926	75,533	68.1	19,262	17.4	16,131	14.5
	- Satellite			20,611	10,310	50.0	1,958	9.5	8,343	40.5
		2,428	40,428	282,271	181,583	64.3	50,469	17.9	50,219	17.8
Fiscal 1999/2000										
Calgary	- Regular	399	8,494	55,785	35,975	64.5	11,435	20.5	8,375	15.0
	- Satellite			8,734	4,370	50.0	829	9.5	3,535	40.5
Edmonton	- Regular	949	11,819	79,621	52,894	66.4	16,110	20.2	10,617	13.4
	- Satellite			12,720	6,361	50.0	1,208	9.5	5,151	40.5
All Other Locations	- Regular	2,003	26,394	123,863	84,852	68.5	20,817	16.8	18,194	14.7
	- Satellite			21,953	10,981	50.0	2,085	9.5	8,887	40.5
		3,351	46,707	302,676	195,433	64.6	52,484	17.3	54,759	18.1
Fiscal 1998/99										
Calgary	- Regular	540	9,769	61,080	40,050	65.6	12,677	20.7	8,353	13.7
	- Satellite			9,768	4,890	50.1	928	9.5	3,950	40.4
Edmonton	- Regular	1,040	12,351	84,472	55,758	66.0	16,796	19.9	11,918	14.1
	- Satellite			14,041	7,020	50.0	1,334	9.5	5,687	40.5
All Other Locations	- Regular	1,941	27,450	129,751	88,824	68.5	20,771	16.0	20,156	15.5
	- Satellite			22,370	11,191	50.0	2,219	9.9	8,960	40.1
		3,521	49,570	321,482	207,733	64.6	54,725	17.0	59,024	18.4

FISCAL 2000/2001 BY MAJOR CENTRE

	Licences	Events	Total Gross ($000)	Prizes/ Winnings ($000)	Expenses ($000)	Net Proceeds to Charity ($000)
Calgary	310	7,988	61,416	38,344	12,069	11,003
Edmonton	698	11,533	89,318	57,396	17,180	14,742
Fort McMurray	80	940	8,629	5,784	1,255	1,590
Grande Prairie	68	946	7,163	4,451	1,223	1,489
Lethbridge	74	1,318	11,766	7,545	1,986	2,235
Medicine Hat	68	1,287	9,561	6,331	1,651	1,579
Red Deer	125	1,447	12,087	8,032	2,049	2,006
St. Albert	111	1,611	12,358	8,032	2,111	2,215
Other Locations	894	13,358	69,973	45,668	10,945	13,360
	2,428	40,428	282,271	181,583	50,469	50,219

CASINOS

	Licences	Total Gross ($000)	Prizes/ Winnings ($000)	% of Gross	Expenses ($000)	% of Gross	CGTs (Slots) ($000)	Net Proceeds to Charity ($000)
Fiscal 2000/2001								
Calgary	896	281,578	229,745	81.6	29,119	10.3	17,335	40,049
Edmonton	728	259,348	211,174	81.4	28,052	10.8	20,062	40,184
All Other Locations	1,119	70,347	53,579	76.2	12,891	18.3	15,016	18,893
	2,743	611,273	494,498	80.9	70,062	11.5	52,413	99,126
Fiscal 1999/2000								
Calgary	902	279,704	233,948	83.6	26,585	9.5	13,175	32,346
Edmonton	729	255,524	212,392	83.1	25,241	9.9	14,437	32,328
All Other Locations	1,064	58,899	46,716	79.3	10,064	17.1	9,828	11,947
	2,695	594,127	493,056	83.0	61,890	10.4	37,440	76,621
Fiscal 1998/99								
Calgary	902	262,845	220,790	84.0	24,932	9.5	9,119	26,242
Edmonton	728	239,770	202,187	84.3	21,782	9.1	9,639	25,440
All Other Locations	904	47,039	37,519	79.8	8,267	17.6	5,500	6,753
	2,534	549,654	460,496	83.8	54,981	10.0	24,258	58,435

FISCAL 2000/2001 BY MAJOR CENTRE

	Licences	Total Gross ($000)	Prizes/ Winnings ($000)	Expenses ($000)	CGTs (Slots) ($000)	Net Proceeds to Charity ($000)
Calgary	896	281,578	229,745	29,119	17,335	40,049
Edmonton	728	259,348	211,174	28,052	20,062	40,184
Fort McMurray	179	8,122	6,403	1,400	1,278	1,597
Grande Prairie	181	11,840	8,746	2,360	3,131	3,865
Lethbridge	179	14,776	11,648	2,443	2,266	2,951
Medicine Hat	135	6,845	5,273	1,343	2,175	2,404
Red Deer	260	14,787	10,973	2,991	3,039	3,862
St. Albert	184	13,822	10,420	2,316	3,127	4,213
Other Locations	1	155	116	38	0	1
	2,743	611,273	494,498	70,062	52,413	99,126

PULL-TICKETS

	Licences	Units Sold	Total Gross ($000)	Prizes/ Winnings ($000)	% of Gross	Expenses ($000)	% of Gross	Net Proceeds to Charity ($000)	% of Gross
Fiscal 2000/2001									
Calgary	68	5,551	9,960	7,450	74.8	462	4.6	2,048	20.6
Edmonton	48	3,059	4,920	3,706	75.3	215	4.4	999	20.3
All Other Locations	495	17,471	26,051	19,502	74.9	1,244	4.7	5,305	20.4
	611	26,081	40,931	30,658	74.9	1,921	4.7	8,352	20.4
Fiscal 1999/2000									
Calgary	71	5,562	9,985	7,469	74.8	462	4.6	2,054	20.6
Edmonton	51	3,070	4,938	3,718	75.3	216	4.4	1,004	20.3
All Other Locations	555	17,782	26,432	19,777	74.8	1,273	4.8	5,382	20.4
	677	26,414	41,355	30,964	74.9	1,951	4.7	8,440	20.4
Fiscal 1998/99									
Calgary	88	8,225	13,752	10,273	74.7	910	6.6	2,569	18.7
Edmonton	48	4,389	6,759	5,065	74.9	392	5.8	1,302	19.3
All Other Locations	604	20,818	30,561	22,821	74.7	2,078	6.8	5,662	18.5
	740	33,432	51,072	38,159	74.7	3,380	6.6	9,533	18.7

FISCAL 2000/2001 BY MAJOR CENTRE

	Licences	Units Sold	Total Gross ($000)	Prizes/ Winnings ($000)	Expenses ($000)	Net Proceeds to Charity ($000)
Calgary	68	5,551	9,960	7,450	462	2,048
Edmonton	48	3,059	4,920	3,706	215	999
Fort McMurray	2	93	140	106	9	25
Grande Prairie	4	209	335	249	14	72
Lethbridge	6	1,076	1,679	1,257	74	348
Medicine Hat	8	1,133	2,372	1,848	112	412
Red Deer	13	1,189	1,975	1,470	73	432
St. Albert	7	284	290	210	17	63
Other Locations	455	13,487	19,260	14,362	945	3,953
	611	26,081	40,931	30,658	1,921	8,352

RAFFLES(1)

	Licences	Total Gross ($000)	Prizes/ Winnings ($000)	% of Gross	Expenses ($000)	% of Gross	Net Proceeds to Charity ($000)	% of Gross
Fiscal 2000/2001								
Calgary	62	31,921	14,268	44.7	7,780	24.4	9,873	30.9
Edmonton	74	34,726	15,120	43.6	8,345	24.0	11,261	32.4
All Other Locations	159	11,262	5,079	45.1	1,878	16.7	4,305	38.2
	295	77,909	34,467	44.2	18,003	23.1	25,439	32.7
Fiscal 1999/2000								
Calgary	63	25,832	8,976	34.7	4,727	18.3	12,129	47.0
Edmonton	76	21,051	8,238	39.1	4,527	21.5	8,286	39.4
All Other Locations	189	11,448	5,498	48.0	1,516	13.2	4,434	38.8
	328	58,331	22,712	38.9	10,770	18.5	24,849	42.6
Fiscal 1998/99								
Calgary	64	23,692	8,731	36.8	4,685	19.8	10,276	43.4
Edmonton	96	25,753	10,747	41.7	7,059	27.4	7,947	30.9
All Other Locations	185	9,978	4,985	50.0	1,117	11.2	3,876	38.8
	345	59,423	24,463	41.2	12,861	21.6	22,099	37.2

FISCAL 2000/2001 BY MAJOR CENTRE

	Licences	Total Gross ($000)	Prizes/ Winnings ($000)	Expenses ($000)	Net Proceeds to Charity ($000)
Calgary	62	31,921	14,268	7,780	9,873
Edmonton	74	34,726	15,120	8,345	11,261
Fort McMurray	5	895	507	117	271
Grande Prairie	9	3,658	1,639	552	1,467
Lethbridge	10	810	430	87	293
Medicine Hat	7	638	361	54	223
Red Deer	15	2,014	778	613	623
Other Locations	113	3,247	1,364	455	1,428
	295	77,909	34,467	18,003	25,439

(1) Does not include raffles under $10,000.

SCHEDULE OF LICENCE FEES

	Licence Fee
Bingos	
At Licensed Bingo Facility	$30 Per Event
Not At Licensed Bingo Facility	
- Events With Yearly Sales of $150,000 or Less	NIL
- Events With Yearly Sales Over $150,000	$30 Per Event
Casinos	
Not at Fairs or Exhibitions	$15 Per Table Per Day
At Fairs or Exhibitions	$35 Per Table Per Day
Pull-Tickets	$10 Per Set of Sealed, Boxed or Bagged Pull Tickets
Raffles	
Raffles More Than $10,000 and Less Than $100,000	$150
Raffles More Than $100,000 and Less Than $1,000,000	$500
Raffles $1,000,000 or More	$1,000
Raffle Authorizing Lottery Scheme That Involves Prize Bonds	$10,000
Casino Facilities	
Operating 6 or 7 days per week	$500
Operating less than 6 days per week	$100

LICENCE FEES COLLECTED

	Bingos ($000)	Casinos ($000)	Pull Tickets ($000)	Raffles ($000)	Casino Facilities ($000)	Total Fees Collected ($000)
2000/01	1,205	1,465	305	86	8	3,069
1999/00	993	1,311	316	114	8	2,742
1998/99	1,135	1,437	728	855	8	4,163

LICENSING INFORMATION

To obtain more information about the requirements for gaming licences, contact your nearest office of the Regulatory Division, Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission:

St. Albert
50 Corriveau Avenue
St. Albert, AB T8N 3T5
Tel: (780) 447-8600 or 1-800-272-8876

Calgary
110, 6715 - 8 Street NE
Calgary, AB T2E 7H7
Tel: (403) 292-7300 or 1-800-372-9518

Red Deer
13, 7895 - 49 Avenue
Red Deer, AB T4P 2B4
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1-800-665-9676